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COMMITTEE/MEMBER Senator Rudy Boschwitz
SUBJECT Assistance to Constituents Jailed in India
ACTION OFFICER [REDACTED]

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SUMMARY: Joel Ryan and I discussed the Senator's letter of 27 June 1984. He asked whether CIA could be of any assistance in obtaining the release of the two imprisoned young ladies. I explained to Joel that CIA could not become involved in situations involving American citizens abroad in cases such as described in the letter, that it was the responsibility of the State Department. I also advised him that I had been in touch with Miss Frances Jones of the State Dep. who appeared quite familiar with the case. Joel was of the impression that State was not doing all it could to obtain the release of the girls and I suggested that if the girls had broken laws in India, then State could not ignore that fact.

When Joel asked, I responded that I had been advised by State that the girls, if found guilty, could be fined and imprisoned for six to 18 months.

Our conversation ended on a friendly note, with Joel agreeing he understood we could not be of assistance.

ACTION ITEMS:

None - no need for written response.

FOLLOW-UP ITEMS:

None

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